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the whole a large plain of ſand. A country fellow, who was preſent at ſo ſtrange a ſight, had the curioſity to touch this water, and thereby ſcalded the end of his fingers. The ſtones and ſand, which remain where-ever the inundation of the water reached, differ in nothing from the ſtones and the ſand of the ſea, and have even the ſame ſaltneſs. This account, however fabulous it appears, is moſt exactly true. After the water had done flowing, there ſprung from the ſame opening a ſmall ſtream of fire, which laſted for twenty-four hours. On Tueſday, about a mile below this opening, there aroſe another ſtream of fire, which being in breadth about 400 feet, like a river, began to overflow the adjoining fields, and actually continues with the ſame courſe, having extended itſelf about two miles, and ſeeming to threaten the neighbourhood. We remain therefore in the greateſt fear and terror, and in continual prayers.

XXXIV. *Some Account of the* Charr-Fiſh, *as found in* North-Wales. *In a Letter from the Rev. Mr.* Farrington, *of* Dinas, *near* Caernarvon, *to Mr.* Thomas Collinſon, *of* London. *Communicated by Mr.* Peter Collinſon, *F. R. S.*

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THIS ſpecies with us is called torgoch, a compound of tor, the lower part of the belly, and goch, red; in Engliſh red-belly. This redneſs in the female, paler or deeper, according

according to the ſeaſon, reſembles that of the fins of a roach, a fiſh very common in many rivers of England, though we have none of them in this country. The male is not adorned with that beautiful hue, yet he is finely ſhaded, and marbled upon the back and ſides with black ſtreaks, upon a kind of pellucid light ſky-coloured ground. The make is that of a trout, but much more elegant and delicate; inſomuch that the vulgar hereabouts affirm, that a charr is nothing elſe but a trout in high ſeaſon. Certainly there is a very great likeneſs, though in one reſpect the charr ſeems nearly allied to the eel and the tench, in being very ſlimy; and the cure and potting of charrs well depends very much upon cleanſing and draining them of this mucilaginous quality. Whether you boil, ſtew, or fry them, they taſte like a trout, but much more ſimple and inſipid. They appear with us but at one ſeaſon of the year, about the winter-ſolſtice; their ſtay is of a ſhort continuance, as if an act of neceſſity, and they were in haſte to be gone to ſome more remote and private habitations. Three lakes or large pools, at the foot of Snowden, afford being and ſubſiſtence to this remarkable finny race: two of them (in our Gwyddhelian Language) we call Llynian Llanberris; *i. e.* the pools or lakes of Llanberris, or the pariſh of Llanberris. The upper pool is called Llyn-Ucha, and the lower one Llyn-Iſſa. There is a communication between one and the other. About a fortnight in December the charrs make their appearance in both; never wandering far from the verge of theſe lakes, or the mouths of the rivers iſſuing from them; but traverſe from one end to the other, and from ſhore to ſhore indifferently, or perchance

as the wind ſits, in great bodies; ſo that it is a common thing to take in one net twenty or thirty dozen at a night in this place; and not above ten or a dozen fiſh in all at any other. Thus in winter froſts and rigours, they ſport and play near the margins of the flood, and probably depoſit their ſpawn, and continue their kind; but in the ſummer-heats they keep to the deep and center of water, abounding in mud and large ſtones, as the ſhoaler parts do with gravel: Providence with-holding from mankind this delicious morſel, when it is leaſt fit to eat; for after Chriſtmas they are ſeen no more till the following year. But the ſhortneſs of their ſtay in the two above-mentioned waters is made ſome amends for by a ſucceeding, though as ſhort a ſeaſon, in a pool in my pariſh, to which we give the name of Quellyn, from an ancient family ſo called, ſituated hard-by; for the charr appears here immediately after Chriſtmas; and ſome, though very few indeed, are taken in the trout-net, even at midſummer, or rather at the two trout-ſeaſons in ſummer. 'Tis remarked, that the fiſh have a larger growth one year than another: and laſtly, I may add, that the whole number of charrs annually taken in the two pools of Llanberris does not amount to an hundred dozen.